

Flu Shots

Influenza vaccinations are covered under the PEEHIP Wellness Program benefits when a member goes to one of the screenings offered through the Wellness Division of the Alabama Department of Public Health. Employees, retirees, and adult dependents (18 years and older) covered under any of the hospital medical plans and optional coverage plans provided by PEEHIP are eligible to receive a flu shot. There is no copayment; just bring your insurance card. Information about the dates and locations of the Flu Shot Clinics can be obtained from the Alabama Department of Public Health's Web site at www.adph.org/worksitewellness/index.asp?id=2587.

Flu shots administered during a doctor's office visit are covered by PEEHIP under medical routine benefits. The regular \$20 copayment is applicable if the doctor's office files an office visit CPT code; for example, you were treated by the physician during an office visit. Flu shots given at a doctor's office without having a doctor's visit are also covered by PEEHIP. There should not be a copayment if the doctor's office does not file an office visit CPT code.

NOTE: PEEHIP does NOT cover Flu Mist. The Flu Mist is an alternative to the flu vaccination and is the first nasally-administered flu vaccine that has been approved by the FDA. However, the Flu Mist is a live virus and can only be administered to certain age groups. The Flu Mist has not been approved by the PEEHIP Board of Control primarily because there is not a shortage of the flu vaccination.